

if included in the enactment of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 [Pub. L. 107-252, see Tables for classification].”

### § 20903. Guaranteed minimum payment amount

#### (a) In general

In addition to any other payments made under this subchapter, the Administrator shall make a payment to each State to which a payment is made under either section 20901 or 20902 of this title and with respect to which the aggregate amount paid under such sections is less than \$5,000,000 in an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate amount paid to the State under sections 20901 and 20902 of this title and \$5,000,000. In the case of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands, the previous sentence shall be applied as if each reference to “\$5,000,000” were a reference to “\$1,000,000”.

#### (b) Pro rata reductions

The Administrator shall make such pro rata reductions to the amounts described in sections 20901(d) and 20902(c) of this title as are necessary to comply with the requirements of subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 107-252, title I, §103, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1672.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 15303 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

### § 20904. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated for payments under this subchapter \$650,000,000, of which—

- (1) 50 percent shall be for payments under section 20901 of this title; and
- (2) 50 percent shall be for payments under section 20902 of this title.

#### (b) Continuing availability of funds after appropriation

Any payment made to a State under this subchapter shall be available to the State without fiscal year limitation (subject to subsection (c)(2)(B)).

#### (c) Use of returned funds and funds remaining unexpended for requirements payments

##### (1) In general

The amounts described in paragraph (2) shall be transferred to the Election Assistance Commission (established under subchapter II) and used by the Commission to make requirements payments under subpart 1 of part D of subchapter II.

##### (2) Amounts described

The amounts referred to in this paragraph are as follows:

- (A) Any amounts paid to the Administrator by a State under section 20902(d)(1) of this title.
- (B) Any amounts appropriated for payments under this subchapter which remain unobligated as of September 1, 2003.

### (d) Deposit of amounts in State election fund

When a State has established an election fund described in section 21004(b) of this title, the State shall ensure that any funds provided to the State under this subchapter are deposited and maintained in such fund.

### (e) Authorization of appropriations for Administrator

In addition to the amounts authorized under subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator such sums as may be necessary to administer the programs under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title I, §104, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1672.)

#### Editorial Notes

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### § 20905. Administration of programs

In administering the programs under this subchapter, the Administrator shall take such actions as the Administrator considers appropriate to expedite the payment of funds to States.

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#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

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### § 20906. Effective date

The Administrator shall implement the programs established under this subchapter in a manner that ensures that the Administrator is able to make payments under the program not later than the expiration of the 45-day period which begins on October 29, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title I, §106, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1673.)

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## SUBCHAPTER II—COMMISSION

### PART A—ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL ORGANIZATION

#### SUBPART 1—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### § 20921. Establishment

There is hereby established as an independent entity the Election Assistance Commission (hereafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Commission”), consisting of the members appointed under this subpart. Additionally, there